SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: We opposed the withdrawal of the Bill because we were not sure whether the Minister would consult us and bring forward a new Bill, a comprehensive Bill, for discussion.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Notice has already been sent to the Lok Sabha.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: How do we know?

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: He said it. *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, it is over. Mr Sibtey Razi, please.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Madam, during the Zero Hour this morning, a point was raised by Mr. Sikander Bakht about the Jammu and Kashmir situation. I have to inform the House. on behalf of the Home Minister...*(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr Jaipal Reddy, please. Let this be over. He is already on his legs.

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Madam, on behalf of the Home Minister, I would like to inform the House that the Home Minister would be making a *suo motu* statement in the House tommorrow on the Jammu and Kashmir situation.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: What time?

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: We will decide it, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us know the time because the Members would like to be here. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MD. SALIM: Madam, the statement should come from the Prime Minister himself.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: What is the status of this Bill, Madam?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The status is that the Bill which was listed in today's order paper for the purpose of withdrawal is not being withdrawn. It remains as it is pending in this House. That is it. Mr. Salim, You have to take over from me. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, we would like to put the record straight. By this non-withdrawal, the Minister's darkly designs are solely...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MD. SALIM: Madam, I just want to make one point about the announcement made by the Minister of State for Home Affairs. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SUKH RAM: If I had no intention, I would not have come before the House. If I had no intention of bringing forward a comprehensive legislation, why did I come before this House? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MD. SALIM: Madam, there is a separate department under the Prime Minister, dealing with Kashmir Affairs. Therefore, if any statement is to be made, it should come from the Prime Minister himself. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, let it be on record. The Minister has chosen to confront the Opposition on this question and he wants to go ahead with this business. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SUKH RAM: As I said earlier, I respect your wishes. That is why I am not pressing for the withdrawal of the Bill. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: We never said that we were opposed to the withdrawal.

[The Vice-Chairman (SHRI MD. SALIM) In the Chair]

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Shri G. Venkat Swamy. There is another Bill for withdrawal.

THE BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS (REGULATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) BILL, 1988

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I beg to move for leave to withdraw the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of

Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 1988.

The question was proposed.

SHRI JIBON ROY (West Bengal): Sir, as such I have to objection to the withdrawal of the Bill, but there is an apprehension and there are some suggestions which I want to submit before the hon. Minister. ...(*Interruptions*)...

AN HON. MEMBER: He wants to bring another Bill.

SHRI JIBON ROY: I have no objection to that also. But there should be a purpose; it should not be merely some cosmetic touch. Probably more than five million construction workers are involved. It is the most traditional and the oldest industry in our country in which the largest number of workers are involved—and their condition is very serious. They require legislative support in three areas.

One area is regulation of welfare measures and service conditions. The second area is wages. The third area is regulation of employment. Now, since you have mentioned the name of hon. Mr. Justice Krishna Iyer, Mr. Justice Krishna Iyer raised an objection to 1988 Bill raising all these points. I am apprehensive whether the new Bill will take care of all these aspects. I understand that you are thinking of some welfare measures. But what about the question of wages and the question of regulation of employment also, which is the most important thing, because a construction worker's life is the most uncertain life though he is in the largest industry? The construction workers were demanding that the kind of a Labour Board as exists in the shipping industry be formed for them also at the national level, State level and district level. In many places there is also some system which is working for the regulation of employment. So, to assist them and to see that there employment is ensured, at least on rotation it should be there just as the Shipping Board is there. That is why my submission to you is, while introducing this Bill, you please take care of all these aspects and not the elections alone. That is my submission. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Mr. Minister, do you want to react?

SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY: Sir, if there is any new, practical suggestion coming from the hon. member, I will agree to it here itself. You please suggest something. But you don't have any practical suggestion for the construction workers. Sir, I want to satisfy the hon. Member. You please see the new Bill, and if there is anything wrong in it, at that time you please speak. Then we will consider it.

SHRI JIBON ROY: Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): The question is:

> "That leave be granted to withdraw the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 1988".

The motion was adopted.

SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY: Sir, I withdraw the Bill.

STATEMENT REGARDING ORDINANCE

CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING PROCLAMATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1995

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Ordinance, 1995.

THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1995

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): Sir, I